

the Agent Orange. They didn't test Agent Orange in this country by taking the family of those who manufactured it and subjecting them to it. They don't do that. Now we have a situation here, by analogy, where the federal government has said put this heavy-handed material in operation, spray it out there and none of us know what the results will be. That is why they want to delay the effective date. If that is not why they want to delay it, there should be no delay. Senator Higgins is convinced it is needed. Senator Hoagland has argued strenuously that there is no way to do without it. So I'm going to yield to what they have presented and say strike this language that will not allow this bill to take effect. So I hope you will vote for this amendment and give the state and the Supreme Court this much needed legislation.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me just speak briefly, colleagues, in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment and explain to the body why the committee decided to postpone the effective date until the fall of next year. The system has to be fully operational by October 1 of next year. Now the main bulk of the bill, of course, is this expedited child collection procedure that automatically triggers in wage withholding and other items as soon as a payment is more than 30 days overdue. It basically takes the systems we already have, in Lancaster and Douglas Counties, and makes them comply with the federal guidelines by giving those masters more authority and requirements as to how the money is to be deducted. Now the provisions in the bill, however, for setting up a master system are quite controversial among lawyers and judges because it is a reorganization of the way the court handles those particular kinds of cases. The federal guidelines say specifically judges can be involved only on appeal, so that is why the master provision is set up, law-trained masters to handle these delinquencies, to call the husband before them and try and get the child support payment out of them. But a lot of lawyers and judges who have been working in the system for years and years are uncomfortable about that and they are unhappy about it. That is one of the reasons it was in Judiciary Committee for so long. Now that is an incidental part of the bill, that is not the guts of the bill which is an expedited child support collection system. But in order to iron that out as well as possible we delayed the effective